

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. ^{B-}4697

1. Name

Historic 803-823 North Durham Street
and / common

2. Location

street & number 803-823 North Durham Street
city, town Baltimore
state & zip code Maryland 21205 county

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name
street & number telephone
city, town state & zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Land Records liber
street & number Clarence Mitchell Courthouse folio
city, town Baltimore State Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title
date federal state county local
depository for survey records
city, town state & zip code

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check One

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check One

☒ original site
☐ moved:
date of move: _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This row of eleven (originally twelve) two-bay-wide, two-story early Italianate-style houses was built in 1871 by William and Benjamin Price, local carpenters. Although a few of the houses retain their original painted brick facades, most have been covered with formstone or stucco.

The houses are two stories in height, 12' wide, and occupy lots 60' deep. Each house is two rooms deep and there is a one-story rear kitchen addition. The houses are constructed in running bond and were originally painted. Each house has a single hooded chimney located near the front of the house and at the rear corner. The shed roofs are capped by a continuous wooden cornice consisting of a crown molding supported by three short, scoll-sawn wooden brackets, set against a plain frieze area. The window and door openings show an unusual combination of segmentally arched brick lintels and flat wood lintels, arranged in a 2/2/2/2 pattern (a pair of houses with wood lintels, a pair with arched lintels, etc.). No original sash survive and most openings have been boarded over. The sills are wood. The doorways had a double-light transom, but no original doors remain. The houses sit on low basements, lit by a single-light sash, also with either a flat wood or arched brick lintel. Each house is reached by two or three concrete or wooden steps.

The Prices also built the two-story, three-bay wide houses on the north side of Madison Street in this block.

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8. Significance

Period	Area of significance	check one & justify			
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Specific dates 1871

Builder/Architect William and Benjamin Price

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This simple form of small street house is typical of those built in the 1870s, often in neighborhoods of predominantly three story houses, like Union Square or the nearby Madison Square.

The houses were built in 1871 by William and Benjamin Price, local Baltimore builders, according to a pattern that was quite common to the city's new neighborhoods of the 1870s and 1880s. Recognizing that workers held different levels of jobs (and pay), builders created a hierarchy of house sizes (and prices) in the new neighborhoods going up to serve the expanding factory districts ringing the harbor and north-east of the central city. Builders acquired anywhere from an eighth to a half of a city block and built 14' to 15'-wide two-or three-story houses on the main streets, and smaller, 11' to 13'-wide two-story houses on the narrower streets bisecting the blocks. Typically, in this period, main street houses might sell for \$1,200 - \$1,500; small street houses for \$700 - \$900.

The houses are significant as representing a very plain type of small street house that was constructed to serve as low-cost or rental housing for the working class residents of the area, most of whom were German at the time of construction. Occasionally, the builder retained ownership of his small street houses to provide income for himself as rental properties or sold them to a variety of small investors, interested in their rental income. In this way people of varying means could afford to live in the same block. If they couldn't afford the approximately \$750 purchase price of the small street houses, then they *could* afford the \$8 or so a month it would cost to rent one, while they saved to be able to buy their own home later.

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9. Major Bibliographic References

Mary Ellen Hayward and Charles Belfoure, *The Baltimore Rowhouse*
(New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 1999)

10. Geographic Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

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Organization The Alley House Project

date June 2000

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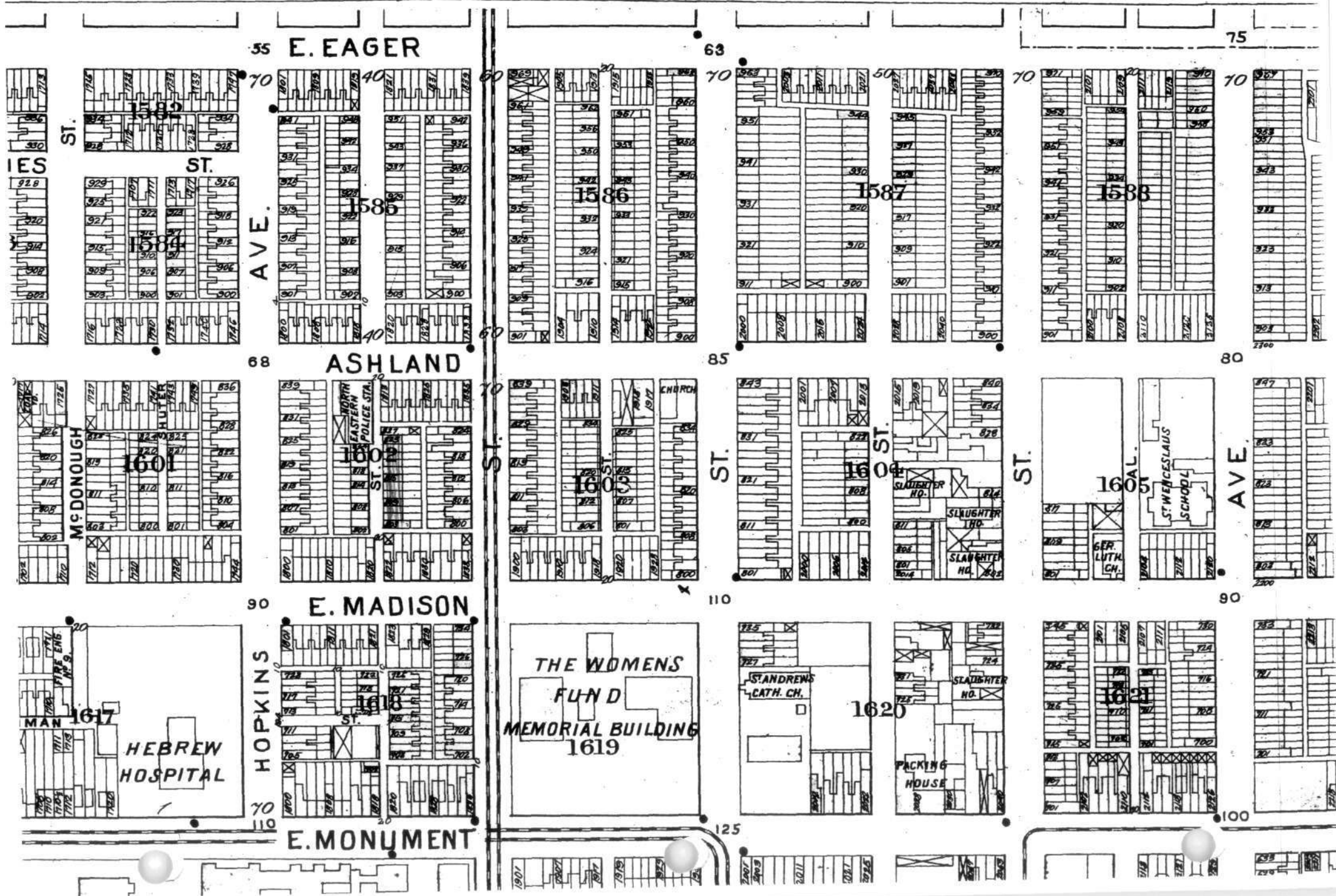
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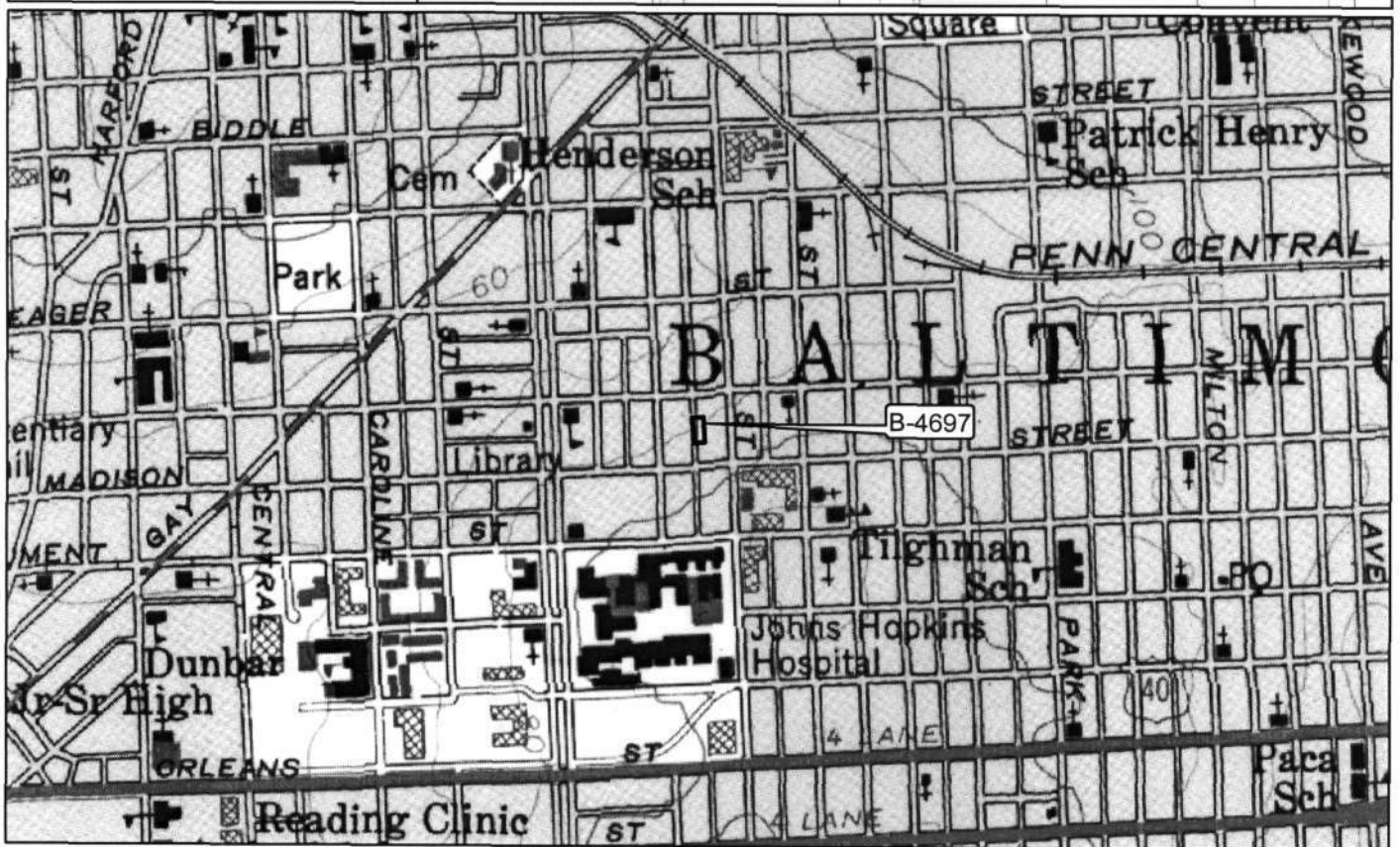
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803-823 N. Durham Street
Block 1602, Lots 067-077
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.

Demolished





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